## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Name: Joel Dixon

How long have you lived in Blue River? I moved to Breckenridge 26 years ago and have made Blue River my home for the past 21 years.

**Educational Background:** 

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

Most of my education I have received has been through owning my own local business for the past 19 years as well as the trials, tribulations and rewards of living in this environment.

Previous Participation on Town Boards or Committees: None

Why are you interested in serving on the Blue River Town Board of Trustees? I have lived my entire adult life in Blue River and now am raising my family here. Blue River is an exceptional place and I feel I owe it to myself and the community to be involved. Through the years I have seen the town grow into a more diverse community with different visions and interests. As a longtime resident I deeply cherish the serenity we experience only minutes away from our busy work days in Breckenridge. Because we live minutes away from a world class destination town and resort we are faced with the unique challenge of preserving the qualities that drew us here in the first place. There are more families and full time residents living here than ever before. We are a special breed. We get it! We have a healthy balance of a local population, combined with investors who are either renting short term, long term or just frequenting their "get away home". It can be good for all of us. The impact of our town being populated to this extent is not only inevitable but predictable. I believe it is prudent to use our tax revenue to make sure we can maintain the necessities. As long as the basics are properly managed this will always be a desirable investment and a great place to live! Perhaps a bit simplistic but simple can be good.

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing the Town? Maintaining fiscal and cultural sustainability. Making sure the Town of Blue River can continue to function as a successful entity, representing our residents and working with the town of Breckenridge, Summit County, State and Federal Governments on all aspects that could help benefit Blue River.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?